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GILMAN MAN SENTENCED TO 46 MONTHS FOR POSSESSION FOR MACHINE GUNS

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that David R. Carmel, 32, Gilman, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 46 months in prison for possessing 87 unregistered firearms, including more than 60 machine guns. Carmel pleaded guilty to this charge on September 18, 2007.

In June 2007, a search warrant was executed at Carmel's residence in Gilman. Law enforcement officers from various local, state, and federal agencies seized, among other things, approximately sixty unregistered machine guns. Carmel also possessed unregistered mortars manufactured for use by the U.S. military. Judge Shabaz was particularly concerned about the inherent danger in collecting and storing weapons of this type, referring to the mortars as "weapons of war." Carmel also faces federal prosecution in New York for theft and sale of U.S. military property.

The charges against Carmel were the result of a joint investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Federal Bureau of Investigation;

Department of Defense - Defense Criminal Investigative Service; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Chippewa County Sheriff's Department; and the Town of Cornell Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

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